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Script File

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the following information. It is respectfully requested that this information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and be made of record therein.

Non-Documentary Information

The following information has been reviewed by one of the inventors, Robert Breckner, for accuracy.

Four gaming machines that employed scripting technology (the "Script-Enabled Machines") were placed in California casinos beginning in approximately August 2002. Each of the Script-Enabled Machines was configured to allow playing of a reel-type video slots game. Admittees to the casinos were permitted to operate and play the reel-type slots game using the Script-Enabled Machines.

Each of the Script-Enabled Machines included the components of Fig. 3 of the present application, and performed the routines of Figs. 16-21. Additionally, software for each of the Script-Enabled Machines included the software components of Fig. 16. Further,

the Script-Enabled Machines used a text-based script file employing the syntax set forth in Table 1. The Script-Enabled Machines did not perform the routines of Figs. 22-26, and did not include script files having the syntax set forth in Tables 3 and 4, and in Fig. 27. Also, the Script-Enabled Machines did not include binary-based script files as in Tables 2 and 4, and in Fig. 27.

Documentary Information

A PTO/SB/08 form has been attached that lists two documents including a non-patent literature document. A copy of the non-patent literature document is also attached.

Conclusion

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)). It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this information.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29757/P-753. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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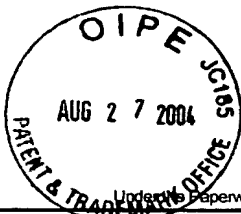
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